

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CIVIL MINUTES – GENERAL

Case No. LA CV 20-02291-DOC-KES

Date: April 4, 2020

Title: LA ALLIANCE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS ET AL. v. CITY OF LOS ANGELES ET AL.

PRESENT:

THE HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER, JUDGE

Kelly Davis
Courtroom Clerk

Not Present
Court Reporter

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR
PLAINTIFF:
None Present

ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR
DEFENDANT:
None Present

**PROCEEDINGS (IN CHAMBERS): ORDER FOR HEARING RE: LACK
OF SKID ROW SANITATION
FACILITIES**

Since its previous Order in this case (Dkt. 48), issued April 1, 2020, the Court has continued to observe the conditions of the homeless community generally referred to as “Skid Row.” The Court attempted to use four of the handwashing stations that were in place prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, and found no water in all four of the tested stations. The Court also attempted to use two of the newly delivered handwashing stations; one was fully functional, and one had soap but no water. Although this sample size is small, the Court’s observations raise a strong inference that there are inadequate sanitation facilities available in Skid Row.

The Court, accompanied by Los Angeles Police Department officers, also encountered an employee from Andy Gump, Inc., who advised that he was working on instructions from his employer to remove fifty of the company’s existing handwashing stations from Skid Row. Although Defendant City of Los Angeles represents, in its April 1 Status Report (Dkt. 50), that the City is deploying sixty new handwashing stations to Skid Row, if fifty of the existing handwashing stations are removed, Skid Row will see

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a net gain of only ten handwashing stations. This minimal increase supports the inference that the sanitation facilities in Skid Row continue to be inadequate to meet the exigencies of the COVID-19 health crisis.

The Court therefore ORDERS a hearing in this matter for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. In order to comply with the Central District of California's Continuity of Operations Plan and other public health guidance, the hearing shall be held at the Alexandria Ballrooms, 501 S. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90013.

The Clerk shall serve this minute order on the parties.

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